

The VTrans2025 Focus

1. Major themes will guide the development of the VTrans2025 plan:

- Safety and security – crash reduction, preparedness/response
- System management – asset preservation and operating efficiency
- Mobility – more alternatives, choices, connectivity
- Economic competitiveness – fast, reliable access to job and product markets
- Quality of life – protect community character and environmental quality

2. Key transportation issues to be addressed in the VTrans2025 plan include:

- Relieving congestion
- Connecting different modes of travel and parts of the state
- Providing more travel choices
- Moving people and freight efficiently
- Providing livable communities
- Preserving transportation assets
- Addressing rural development needs



The VTrans2025 Initiative

The VTrans2025 Policy Committee includes representatives of the Secretary of Transportation's office; the Commonwealth Transportation, Aviation and Port Authority boards; and heads of the departments of Transportation, Aviation, Rail and Public Transportation, and the Port Authority.

Updates on the VTrans2025 planning process are posted on:

www.vtrans.org

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VTrans2025: Shaping the Future

Virginia has embarked on a new journey in transportation planning. **VTrans2025** is a long-range planning effort to create a more integrated, convenient, and efficient transportation system for all of the Commonwealth's travelers.

At the direction of Governor Mark Warner, Secretary of Transportation Whitt Clement is spearheading a statewide multi-modal planning initiative including all state agencies involved with transportation and a strong public involvement effort. For the first time, Virginia's top-level transportation policy leaders are engaged in a formal planning effort that analyzes the future trends and needs of highway motorists, rail and transit passengers, freight shippers, airline travelers, cyclists and pedestrians.

Why plan 20-plus years ahead? We can't afford not to. It takes years to plan, build, and secure funds for transportation projects.

Participate in the Planning Process

The planning process, which completed its first phase in 2002, will continue until the final plan is published in the summer of 2005. So far, planners have held focus groups around the state, vision-framing sessions with key stakeholders, and developed a Web site to keep the public informed.

To learn more about **VTrans2025** and how you can become involved in shaping Virginia's transportation future, contact:

Web site: www.vtrans.org
Phone: 1-866-835-6070

New Travel Challenges – Changing Trends

Driving the **VTrans2025** initiative are several socioeconomic projections that will have a significant effect on how we travel in the future.

Passenger transportation demand will continue to grow. By 2025, there could be *two million more people* living in Virginia, primarily in already heavily populated areas.

Increasing income projections, coupled with a population that is growing older, suggests changing reasons and patterns for travel. About 18% of the population will be retirement age by 2025, which suggests an increase in leisure travel and the need for specialized transportation for the elderly.

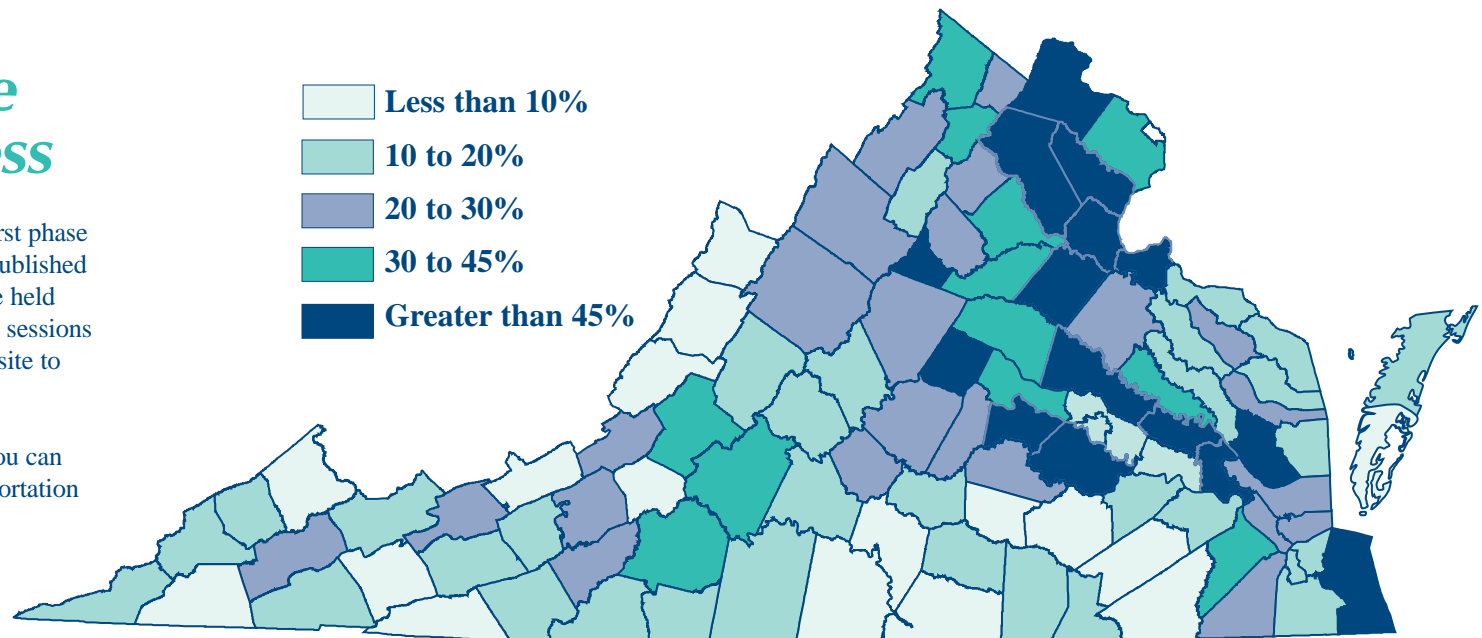
Virginia's economy is expected to support 6.3 million jobs in 2025, up from 4.4 million in 2000, which means commuter travel will grow, particularly in

counties located in and near the state's most populous areas.

Freight transportation demand, in particular freight truck traffic, will double by 2025. Rail and air freight traffic are also expected to grow, but not nearly as much as truck and port traffic will – in fact, Virginia's ports will reach operating capacity by 2010 unless improvements are made.

Taking a comprehensive approach in planning for freight growth would enhance transportation efficiency and improve safety.

Increasing emphasis will be placed on managing the transportation infrastructure – for example, moving people and goods more efficiently and using technology to provide information to shippers and passengers.



Projected Percentage Increase for Virginia County/City Populations from 2000 to 2025